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TOPIC	1. Aspern Airfield			
	2. Aspern and Gross Enzersdorf Military Posts			
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1. Between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on 1 October 1953, the following aircraft were observed at Aspern (P 49/X 49) airfield: 28 MiG-15s, including 12 parked in one line at a right angle to the flight control building, with the noses pointing to the east and 16 with their noses pointing to the west; 2 biplanes; 1 Yak-11, and 3 Pe-2s. There was a 2/10 overcast, a northwesterly wind of about 15 km/h, good visibility and a ceiling at about 2,000 meters. At 10:16 a.m., a Yak-11 landed at the field. Air activity by MiG-15s was started at about 10:30 a.m., involving only aircraft of the group parked in the eastern section. The aircraft taxied under their own power to the take-off point and, after the landing, were towed by trucks to their dispersal area. Nine trucks and 5 tank trucks were parked east of the MiG-15s used for flying. About south of the southeastern end of the runway was a van-like truck with a small antenna mast with a cone-shaped bracing and a mobile flight control station. The following take-offs and landings were observed:

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Take-Off	Landing
10:30 a.m.	10:55 a.m.
11:15 a.m.	11:38 a.m.
11:45 a.m.	12:16 and 12:17 p.m.
11:57 a.m.	12:28 and 12:29 p.m.
12:35 a.m.	1:06 p.m.

Subsequently, no air activity was conducted up to 2:30 p.m. During the air activity, a sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was posted at the southeastern end of the runway where a field path ran by. The sentry refused passage to all passers-by.

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2. No changes were observed on the status of the PKV-45 DF station in the northeastern corner of the field and a small cone-shaped antenna with a disk on top of the flight control building. [redacted] that the latter radio installation only had guy wires but no leads on. The wooden garages at the field housed 5 van-like trucks and 6 tank trucks. Five trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and 3 weapon carriers were parked in front of the garages. The AA gun emplacements were not occupied. No tank trucks were observed at the western fuel dump. Truck building No 6 was guarded by sentries and frequented by personnel wearing black-bordered blue epaulets.

3. At Aspern military post, the Buildings [redacted] on Sieges Platz and [redacted] on Gross Enzersdorfer Strasse were not occupied. Building [redacted] on Lobau Gasse was not guarded and its occupation could not be determined. Building [redacted] on Zach Gasse also was unguarded and apparently was vacant. Six officers with blue service color were observed in the yard. The Building [redacted] Sieges Platz was frequented by air force officers. The dump for solid fuels was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Three trucks were parked in the eastern cantonment which was guarded.

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4. At Gross Enzersdorf military post, a long-wire antenna was observed on top of the main building of the Konrad Kaserne with a branch wire leading downward. Many telephone lines were observed between the individual buildings. Weapon carrier [redacted] occupied by five air force officers, entered the barracks yard, coming from the direction of Aspern. Building [redacted] on Kaiser Franz Josef Strasse was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Motor vehicles parked in the yard included 1 van-like truck and 4 trucks [redacted]

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- [redacted] The former home for old people, Building [redacted] Schlosshofer Strasse and No 241 Kasernen Strasse were unguarded and unoccupied. Two Soviet soldiers cleaned the yard of No 175 Schlosshofer Strasse. No change was observed in the status of the radio installation on the southeastern edge of Gross Enzersdorf.

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5. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 2 October, 32 MiG-15s, 2 biplanes, 4 Yak-11s, and 2 Pe-2s were parked at Aspern airfield. There was a 4/10 overcast and, after 10 a.m., a 0/10 overcast, almost no wind, good visibility at a range of 4 km, and haze later on. No air activity was observed. The AA gun emplacements were vacant and unguarded. Maintenance work was being done on trucks [redacted] and weapon-carrier No [redacted]

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[redacted] at the garages. [redacted] trol station included sedan [redacted] and van-like truck [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets.

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6. Aspern military post still had the same occupation as at the end of September 1953. At Gross Enzersdorf military post, the Konrad Kaserne and Building [redacted] on Kaiser Franz Josef Strasse were guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Three van-like trucks, [redacted] and 6 trucks [redacted] were parked in the latter installation. Maintenance work was being done on three trucks. The former home for aged people and the dump for fire wood and coal were vacant and unguarded.

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8. At Aspern military post, Buildings [] on Sieges Platz and 25X1B [] on Zach Gasse were unoccupied and unguarded. Individual officers and EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets entered and left building [] on Sieges Platz. Building [] on Lobau Gasse housed civilians. 25X1B [] on Gross Enzersdorfer Strasse was closed and unguarded. Also Building [] on Wirpfen Gasse was unguarded nor was any activity observed there. The dump for firewood and coal was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. A few personnel, whose service color could not be identified, were observed entering and leaving the eastern cantonment.

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[] Comment. Aspern airfield is still occupied by a Soviet fighter regiment. After the departure of bomber units from Austria in June 1953, various quartering buildings at the military posts in the vicinity of Aspern were vacant and have not yet been released to the civilian population. MiG-15 []

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